

Interview Summary

Application No.
09/265,601

Applicant(s)
Choi

Examiner
Tracy Dove

Art Unit
1745



All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Tracy Dove

(3) Rhaul Martinez

(2) Carol Chaney

(4) _____

Date of Interview Sep 4, 2002

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: all pending

Identification of prior art discussed:

Sonobe et al. 5,721,071, Hayashi et al. 5,906,900

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Applicant proposed adding a graphitization temperature range to all independent claims. Examiner stated this would not overcome the prior art of record because Sonobe teaches this limitation in col. 6, lines 6-9. Furthermore, claims 1 and 3 are product-by-process claims. Applicant proposed adding "only after dissolving the pitch in the organic solvent" to claim 5. This would not overcome the prior art of record, see Example 4 of Sonobe. Also note Hayashi teaches a carbonaceous material heated to a temperature of 1500-3000 C results in carbonization and graphitization (col. 3, lines 28-32). Note "higher than 2500 C" would be considered new matter. Page 6 of the specification teaches a temperature range for graphitization of 2500-3000 C.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached

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Examiner's signature, if required